

On motion of Mr. Ristean, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

Mr. Williams reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the building of a bridge over Bynum's Run, in Harford county;

Mr. Maulsby reported a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of Alexander McComas, of Harford county;

Mr. Jump, of Caroline, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the town commonly called and known by the name of "Nine Bridges," and to change the name thereof to that of Bridge Town, in Caroline county;

Mr. McDaniel reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise and empower Henry Thompson, of the city of Annapolis, to sell and dispose of his negro girl, Emily Johnson, who is a slave only for a term of years, beyond the limits of this State;

And Mr. Carroll reported a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of the heirs of George A. Dashfield, deceased, of Somerset county,

Which were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise Jane Hutton and Margaret Hutton, of the city of Baltimore, to hold, inherit and dispose of real estate, and to be appointed executrix, administratrixes, and guardians,

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Ordered, that the commissioner of loans furnish this house (if within his power,) the amount of State stock or debt, at this time held by foreign creditors, or which was originally taken by individuals or companies beyond the limits of the United States, and upon which instalments of principal or portions of interest are now due, and also what amounts of such instalments of principal or portions of interest are now due to such foreign creditors.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, the people of Maryland cherishing the deepest reverence for the great principles of human liberty asserted by the revolution which gave birth to American Independence, and being anxious to transmit that sentiment unimpaired to posterity, have at all times taken pride in acknowledging the services and honoring the virtues of those by whose efforts that revolution was achieved;

*And whereas*, they chiefly and before all other names, venerate the name of Washington, the Father of His Country, who has no prototype, as a wise, valiant and uncorruptible patriot, to whose actions all men of every age and clime, may turn for instruction, in the difficult virtue of public duty.

*And whereas*, it is a subject of grateful recollection, that in the Senate chamber, George Washington, after he had conducted the